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H.P. Forest Department.

Dated Bharmour, the/ 25/03/2026

From: - D.C.F. Bharmour.

To: - C.F. (T) Chamba.

Subject: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 in favour of Sai Eternal Foundation (formerly known as Sai Engineering Foundation), Sai Bhawan, Sector-4, New Shimla-171009 (H.P.) for non-forestry use of 13.3082 hectares of forest land for the construction of Tundah-II Hydro Electric Project (24 MW) within the jurisdiction of Bharmour Forest Division, District Chamba in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Online Proposal No: FP/HP/HYD/49283/2020.

Sir,

Kindly refer to observation raised by Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, New Delhi – 110003. on dated 10.03.2025 on the subject cited above.

In this regards, it is submitted that all the observations/shortcomings have been duly attended point-wise reply is furnished as under:-

S.No.	Observation	Reply
1.	The DFO Chamba Wildlife Division has mentioned in his certificate that the area proposed for diversion is 789 meters, whereas as per DSS report, the proposed forest area for diversion is located inside Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary. Since the area proposed for diversion is inside Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary, copy of SBWL/NBWL approval obtained, if any may be submitted by the State Government.	Needful has been complied with by the User Agency on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 43.
2.	In component-wise break up, an area of 4.2877 hectares has been proposed for 15 muck dumping sites. Justification for proposing 15 muck dumping sites needs to be submitted by the State Government. Possibility of reducing the area to the barest minimum may be explored by the State Government and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.	Needful has been complied with by the User Agency on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 44.
3.	In component-wise break up, an area of 3.2102 hectares has been proposed for roads within are above FRL. State Government may inform whether the area sought for the same is barest minimum. Possibility of reducing the area to	Needful has been complied with by the User Agency on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under

	the barest minimum may be explored by the State Government and revised area, if any, may be intimated to the Ministry.	Additional Documents at Sr. No. 45.
4.	The instant proposal falls under Not-in High Conservation Value (HCV) Zone Value as per Decision Rule 2. However, as per Decision Rule 1 proposed area falls in High Conservation Value Zone (as the proposed project is located in Tundah Wildlife Sanctuary). Comments from State Government in this regard needs to be submitted.	Needful has been complied with by the User Agency on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 46.
5.	Copy of approved CAT Plan is not submitted alongwith the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	Needful has been complied with by the User Agency on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 47 & Part-I Sr. No. M, (ii),(b)
6.	3 alternative alignments have been explored by the User Agency for execution of the project, however, KML files are not submitted along with the proposal. The same needs to be submitted.	Needful has been complied with by the User Agency on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. C ( <u>Maps of forest land proposed to be diverted</u> ).
7.	State Government is requested to intimate the status of approval of State Dam Safety Authority (SDSA) and National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) for the Tundah-II HEP. Other approvals received pertaining to Dam safety may kindly be intimated.	Needful has been complied with by the User Agency on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in Part-I under Additional Documents at Sr. No. 48.
8.	As per DSS report, Compensatory Afforestation has been proposed over 26.62 ha degraded forest land, out of which, 1 ha is classified as very dense forest (Compartment/Survey No. 52D/16, Area Mangarh-III, Block/Beat-Rujag/Tiun, Tehsil Kullu, Distt. Kullu, Division-Kullu.  1 ha moderately dense forest land (Compartment/Survey No, 52H/4, Area-Dugilag-III, Block/Beat- Rujag/ Shalang,	Needful has been complied with by this office on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0, and the relevant document has been uploaded in appropriate column.

	Tehsil- Kullu, Distt. Kullu, Division-Kullu). In this regard it is to inform that as per Rule 13 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 alternate CA sites along with CA details viz. Site Suitability Certificate, site specific CA scheme, KML file and DGPS maps needs to be submitted by the State Government.	
9.	Legal status of proposed diversion land and CA site cannot be verified due to unavailability of RF/PF boundary for the State of Himachal Pradesh on DSS. State Government is requested to submit KML file of concerned Protected Forest pertaining to area proposed for diversion and concerned degraded forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation.	Needful has been complied with by this office on the PARIVESH Portal 1.0. The KML file of the concerned CA land has been uploaded at the appropriate place in Part-II, and the same has also been forwarded through the designated email on dated _____.

In view of the above, the compliance report is hereby submitted for your kind consideration and further necessary action.

  
 Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
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